(d) whether there are any rules governing the location of liquor shops, and if so, what are they; and

(e) whether these rules have been strictly adhered to?

Mr. V B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) 390.

(b) No.

(c) No. But the Inspectors of the department have been instructed to see that shops are not located objectionably close to places of worship, public offices, schools, etc.

(d) Yes. Clauses 15 and 18 of the Diwan's Notifications, dated 10th March 1925, Revenue Department (Separate Revenue), regarding the sale of toddy and arrack shops respectively. These are placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(e) Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew. – Will the Government find out whether the Travancore Excise Commissioner has passed any such order or circular?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have got down the circular issued by the Excise Commissioner of Travancore, and that circular is not in the terms stated by the Hon'ble Member.

President.—So you have got the circular?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Recently, I got it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what are the terms of the circular?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The circular is that officers in charge of the Excise Divisions are informed that, *wherever practicable*, no arrack or toddy shop in future be located, etc. It is stated "*wherever practicable.*" So there is a quaiification. It is not a general circular, as stated by the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam. It depends upon the circumstances of each case.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will that circular be put into effect in our State?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Excise Committee will have to consider all these questions.

President.—You may note this point for the consideration of the Excise Committee.

120. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Government is not aware that an arrack shop is situated close to the Sirkar Boys' High School, Kunnamkulam, and what is the distance of this shop from the High School premises, and whether this shop is also situated close to the Police Station and the Anchal Office in Kunnamkulam, and what is the distance from this shop to these two public offices?

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Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—There is a shop about half a furlong from the High School premises. Its distance from the Anchal Office is the same. The Police Station is about one-fourth of a furlong away from the shop.

121. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government is not aware that a toddy shop is situated close to the Post Office and the Prayer Hall in Paral, Kunnamkulam, and what is the distance of this shop from the Post Office and Prayer Hall premises?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—There is a toddy shop about ¼ of a furlong away from the Post Office and about 30 *Dhannoos* distant from the Society Hall, a building recently rented, and which is sometimes used as a Prayer Hall.

The sale of liquor to juveniles.

122. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Travancore Government has notified that the sale of arrack or toddy to young persons under 18 years of age and the sale of arrack to adult women is prohibited throughout the State from 1st Chingam 1102 M. E.;

(b) whether our Government has taken any steps in this direction, and if so, what are they, and if no such steps have been taken,

(c) whether the Government has any objection to follow the example of the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The sale of arrack or toddy to persons under 18 years of age and that of arrack to adult women has been prohibited throughout the State with effect from 1st Chingam 1102.

(c) No answer is required in view of the reply to part (b) above.

Liquor shops kept open at untimely hours.

123. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the names or location of liquor shops for which permission was given in the years 1099, 1100 and 1101 for keeping open the shops before sunrise or after 9 p. m., the number of days for which such permission was given in each case, and the reason or circumstances for giving such permission in each case?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Government are unable to furnish the information required, as no special

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